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In late May 1958 the Communist Party of Iraq (CPI) was showing great interest in the Lebanese political crisis. It was constantly receiving reports about Lebanon from its members. The Party regarded a victory for the Lebanese Opposition as a victory for the "national" democratic movement in Iraq. A victory in Lebanon would be an encouragement to Iraqi communists and their supporters to carry out positive actions in Iraq. 1/

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1. ~~Comment:~~ A member of the Iraqi Ba'th party (AKA al-Ba'th al-'Arabi al-Istiraki) expressed the same reaction to the Lebanese crisis as did the Communists.

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